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EMPLOYMENT TARGET IN HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has set any target to provide jobs in the handloom sector;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The achievement made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)to(c): The general thrust of the handloom sector schemes implemented by Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms is to provide support for product diversification, design and skill upgradation and market access to the handloom weavers to augment their livelihood and increase their earnings. The Government of India has been assisting handloom sector which is decentralized in nature to sustain employment through implementation of various developmental and welfare schemes. As per Joint Census of Handlooms & Powerlooms 1995-96, handloom sector provided employment to about 65.51 lakh persons in the country.